Agreement with the officers of the State Bank of India

1170. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent agreement the officers in the State Bank of India will get less pay than the clerks as reported in the "Indian Express" of 24th April, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The pay revision of officers of State Bank of India has not yet been finalised. The question of any anomaly, therefore would not arise.

Payment of bogus commision by M|s. Sriram Fibres

1171. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Investigation Wing of the Income-Tax Department has detected the payment of bogus commission to the tune of Rs. 3 crores by M|s. Sriram Fibres during the assessment year 1978-79 to 1982-83;

(b) whether the Investigation Wing has asked the the assessing authority to launch penalty and prosecution proceedings against the firm:

(c) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes has issued instruction to the CIT (Central), Delhi vide letter No. 225'86|85-IT-A-II on the 31st March, 1986 to accept the bogus commission paid by M|s. Sriram Fibres under diclosure scheme, even though the case is not covered specifically under the Scheme; and

(d) if so, what prompted the Chairman CBDI to issue specific instructions in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir. The disclosure was made by M|s. Sriram Fibres before the detection by the Department in terms of the "amnesty" circulars.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. In the letter under reference, the Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes had only clarified the spirit behind the "amnesty" circulars.

(d) Question does not arise.

News item captioned "provident fund arrears of big business"

1172. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Provident Fund arrears of big business" which appeared in the "Business Standard" of the 13th April, 1986 and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to realise the arrears and also to ensure that the Provident Fund contribution of workers are not defaulted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Employees Provident Fund authorities have taken following action for

realisation of the outstanding amount of provident fund dues from defaulting establishments in West Bengal and to prevent future default on their part:—

1. *Unexempted establishments:*

Action taken against defaulter under Un-exempted Sector

	During 1984-85	From 1-4-85 to 31-12-85
1. Recovery Certificates issued	596	497
2. Prosecutions filed under Section 14 of the EPF and MP Act. .	1935	1668
3. Complaints filed under Sections 406 and 409 of IPC . . .	505	231

A special recovery cell with a Deputy Collector-cum-Deputy Magistrate as Recovery Officer has been set up in West Bengal recently for speedy execution of recovery certificates issued by the Provident Fund authorities.

II. Exempted establishments:—

(a) Prosecutions under section 14 (2A) of the EPF Act and Complaints under section 406|409 IPC with the Police authorities have been filed against all establishrments listed in the News-item.

(b) wherever the High Court has granted liberal instalment facility to the employer for payment of outstanding dues, appeals are being filed seeking modification|variation of the orders of the satisfaction of the organisation.

Formulation of standards by ISI

1173. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Standards Institution has formulated 12,500 standards whereas meagre 1200 products are actually covered by the quality controls;

(b if so, what are the reasons for this big gap;

(c) whether any complaint has been received about the undue delay in certifying ISI marks for quality control; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is due to the fact that the ISI (Certification Marks) Scheme is voluntary in nature and the Indian Standard Institution under the ISI Certification Marks Act, 1952 has no powers to force manufacturers to adopt, ISI marking for their products on a compulsory basis. The number of products covered under ISI Compulsory Certification Marks Scheme is only 96 so far.

(c) and (d) No, Sir However ISI due to sustained efforts made has been able to fix a time norm of 5 months for grant of a licence to manufacturers for use of ISI Marking.

Memoranda from the association of synthetic fibre industry

1174. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry, Bombay have submitted memoranda to him dated the 22nd January,